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Decoration	Services	Major Titles	Name (Age)	Address and Nationality
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to the strengthening of the relationship between Japan and Namibia, and to the promotion of Japanese diplomacy regarding Africa	*Former President of the United Nations General Assembly *Former Prime Minister *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs *Current Speaker of the National Assembly	Theo-Ben Gurirab (75)	Windhoek, Khomas, Namibia (Namibia)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and developing economic relations between Japan and the Philippines	*Former Senate President *Senator *Former President of the Philippine-Japan Parliamentarians Associations *Former Secretary of Agriculture	Edgardo J. Angara (78)	Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)
The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun	Contributed to promoting economic relations between Japan and France and to further activating parliamentary exchanges	*Former Prime Minister *Member of Parliament *Former Senator	François Fillon (59)	Paris, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Croatia	*Chairman of the Croatian-Japanese Friendship Group, Committee for Interparliamentary Cooperation, Croatian Parliament *Former Ambassador to Japan *Former Minister of Administration	Davorin Mlakar (54)	Zagreb, Croatia (Croatia)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star	Contributed to promoting economic, cultural and municipal relations between Japan and France	*Mayor of Paris *Municipal Councilor of Paris *Former Member of Parliament *Former Senator	Bertrand Delanoë (62)	Paris, France (France)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Making valuable contributions in protecting the interests of Japanese citizens living in the State of Michigan, strengthening cultural, political, and economic relations between Japan and the United States	*Former Mayor of Detroit *Former President, the Japan America Society of Greater Detroit and Windsor *Former President, American Bar Association *Former Associate Justice, Michigan Supreme Court	Dennis Wayne Archer (71)	Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the strengthening of the economic relationship and the promotion of cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*Current Chairman, U.S.-Japan Council *Current Chairman, Pacific Commerce Bank *Current Board of Governors, Japanese American National Museum *Former Chairman, Japanese American Cultural Community Center	Thomas Iino (70)	Pacific Palisades, California, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of Japanese studies and the introduction of Japanese culture in the United States	*Professor, Department of Anthropology, Boston University	Merry White (71) (F)	Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting exchanges and friendship between Japan and the United States	*Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Indianapolis (the first) *Former President of the Japan America Society of Indiana	Robert Hugh Reynolds (76)	Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the development of Japanese studies, Japanese language education and the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and the U.K.	*Emeritus Professor of Japanese Studies, University of Cambridge *Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge *Former Head of Department, East Asian Studies, University of Cambridge	Richard John Bowring (66)	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, U.K. (U.K.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to maintaining and strengthening Japan's presence in Samoa, and to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Samoa	*Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Apia	Tupua Friedrich Wilhelm Wetzell (79)	Apia, Samoa (Samoa)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese language studies and culture in Spain, and mutual understanding between Japan and Spain	*Former Director for Spanish-Japanese Cultural Center of Salamanca University (First Director of the Center) *Former Vice Rector of Salamanca University *Head of Department of English Studies of Salamanca University	Antonio López Santos (62)	Salamanca, Castilla y León, Spain (Spain)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting Japanese studies and strengthening the understanding of Japan in Germany	*Former Professor of Japanese Studies, University of Cologne *Former Executive Secretary, Society for the Promotion of German-Japanese Scientific and Cultural Relations	Franziska Ehmcke (65) (F)	Cologne, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan	*Former Professor, Faculty of Arts, Department of Urdu, University of Karachi *Executive Member of Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association, Sindh	Moinuddin Aqeel (66)	Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan (Pakistan)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contribution to promoting mutual understanding and developing economic relationship between Japan and the Philippines	*Former Chairman of Philippines-Japan Economic Cooperation Committee *Former Undersecretary of Department of Trade and Industry	Tomas I. Alcantara (66)	Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines (Philippines)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to the introduction and spread of Japanese medical technology	*Former President of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation	Akira Homma (73)	Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and Peru through medical activities, and to enhancing the status and well-being of Japanese-Peruvian community	*Former Professor, Faculty of Public Health and Health Administration, Cayetano Heredia University *President of the Medical Staff, Peruvian Japanese Polyclinic *Former Minister of Health *Former Ambassador of Peru to the Republic of Honduras	Victor Yamamoto Miyakawa (70)	Lima, Lima, Peru (Peru)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting mutual exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Taiwan	*Former Chairman of Taiwan-Japan Cultural and Economic Association	Hsu Min-Fui (89)	Taipei, Taiwan

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon	Contributed to promoting mutual exchange and understanding between Japan and Taiwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Former Chairman of Coordinating Council on Taiwan-Japan Business Affairs *Honorary Vice Chairman of Taiwan Committee on East Asia Businessmen's Conference *Former President of the International Commercial Bank of China *Former General Manager of Tokyo Branch of the International Commercial Bank of China 	Cheng S.S. Theodore (82)	Taipei, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to introducing Japanese art in the United States and promoting exchange between museums of the two countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Executive Officer, National Gallery of Art 	Joseph J. Krakora (74)	Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting the mutual understanding between the United States and Japan and introduction of Japanese culture in the United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Former President of the Japan-America Society of Houston *Former Vice-President of the Japanese-American Citizens League (Houston Chapter) *Current Board Member of the Asia Society Texas Center *Current President of Gondo Company, Inc. 	Glen Yoshiaki Gondo (64)	Houston, Texas, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the improvement of the status of Japanese Americans in the United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Former Executive Director of the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) *Former member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Chief of Public Relations *Chair, Outreach and Education Committee, JAVA 	Terry T. Shima (90)	Gaithersburg, Maryland, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the enhancement of economic relations between Asian countries, including Japan, and the U.S., and the promotion of research exchanges in the field of demography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Chairman of the Northeast Asia Economic Forum *Former EWC Executive Vice President 	Cho Lee-Jay (76)	Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States	*President of Japan America Society of Southern Colorado *Founder and Former Vice President of John Manjiro Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange *Japanese Instructor at Colorado College	Paul Kuniaki Maruyama (71)	Monument, Colorado, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany	*President of the German-Japanese Society Berlin	Kurt Görger (71)	Berlin, Berlin, Germany (Germany)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Turkey	*Chairman of Turkish-Japanese Cultural, Research and Cooperation Association *Former Board Member of Turkish-Japanese Foundation *Former Executive Board Member and Chairman of the Executive Board in STFA Energy and Telecommunication Inc.	Mukrem Erkin (80)	Ankara, Turkey (Turkey)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to the promotion of Japanese art and culture in Poland	*Actress, Scenographer, Costume Designer *Professor of the Faculty of Painting, Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts in Cracow *Former Professor of the Ludwik Solski Academy for the Dramatic Arts in Cracow *Board Member of the Kyoto-Krakow Foundation	Krystyna Zachwatowicz-Wajda (82) (F)	Warsaw, Poland (Poland)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette	Contributed to promoting friendly relations and mutual understanding between Taiwan and Japan	*The Chairman of Taiwan-Kouza Taiwan Japan Exchange Association (the first)	Lee Shih Fon (86)	Xinbei, Taiwan
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States	*Co-President, Massachusetts Hokkaido Association *Former President of the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts	Sue C. Root (76) (F)	Holyoke, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (U.S.A.)

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The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Promotion of Japanese agricultural technology in Sri Lanka, promotion of Japanese language, and contribution in training Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers to Sri Lanka	*Senior Advisor, JICA Sri Lanka Office *Vice President, Japanese Graduate Alumni Association in Sri Lanka (JAGAAS)	Sabhpathi Mudiyansele Punch Banda (62)	Colombo, Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed for improvement for local Japanese community, to the promotion of cultural exchange as well as to friendly relations between Japan and Brazil	*President of Federation of Japanese-Brazilian Association of Northwest Region *Former President of Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Association of Aracatuba City *Former President of Japanese Language Diffusion Association of Northwest Region *Former President of Sumo's Federation of Northwest	Kazoshi Shiraishi (77)	Aracatuba, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Brazil)
The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the introduction and the deepening understanding of Japanese culture in South Africa through Bonsai related activities	*Former President of Shibui Bonsai Kai *Former President of Ikebana International, Johannesburg Chapter	Derry Ralph (71)	Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa (South Africa)
The order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to promoting cultural relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Mexico	*Former President of the Mexican-Japanese Association *Former President of the Mexican-Japanese Institute of Culture	Alfonso Muray Kobory (73)	Mexico, D.F., Mexico (Mexico)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in India	Sengadu Abbu Patabi Raman (63)	Bangalore, Karnataka, India (India)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia	Lies Widayati (60) (F)	Depok, West Java, Indonesia (Indonesia)

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The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Consulate-General of Japan at Surabaya	Lesly Novia Shila Ussilly (60) (F)	Surabaya, East Jawa, Indonesia (Indonesia)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Ecuador	Miguel Pazmiño Borja (65)	Quito, Ecuador (Ecuador)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Lao PDR	Ketkesone Sayaphet (60) (F)	Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR (Laos)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Consulate-General of Japan at Milan	Gioacchino Fiorino (60)	Milan, Lombardia, Italy (Italy)
The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays	Contributed to the activities of the Japanese overseas establishment	*Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in Lao PDR	Khambai Ounthala (60)	Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR (Laos)